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- 1. STRIKE CONTINUING INTO TENTH DAY AND NO SETTLEMENT APPEARS IMMEDIATELY IN PROSPECT. ON BASSIS OF MEETING WITH TRANSPORT MINISTER MARCHAND APRIL 16 NEW PROPOSAL PUT TO ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT MEETING IN THREE RIVERS TODAY. (PROPOSAL WOULD BRING EARNINGS IN THREE YEARS FROM \$29,000 TO \$35,000 LEVEL VERSUS \$38,000 -- PARITY WITH WEST COAST -- IN TWO YEARS WHICH IS BEING SOUGHT. JOB SECURITY AND APPRENTICESHIP ISSUES ARE ALSO INVOLVED.)
- 2. MOT SOURCE TOLD TCO YESTERDAY GOC HAD BEEN UNABLE GET COMMITMENT FROM EXECUTIVE TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE TO MEMBERSHIP. TODAY SAME SOURCE INDICATED PERSONAL VIEW DOUBTFUL IF THREE RIVERS MEETING WOULD APPROVE.

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3. BACK TO WORK LEGISLATION BELIEVED READY FOR

INTRODUCTION INTO PARLIAMENT, BUT NO DECISION TAKEN YET RE TIMING. SITUATION IS COMPLICATED BY CLOSING OR RESTRICTING OPERATIONS AT AIRPORTS IN VIEW STRIKES BY FIREFIGHTERS, THREATENED STRIKE BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS, AND WIDESPREAD CLOSING OF POST OFFICES AS A RESULT OF WILDCAT OPERATIONS. OPPOSITION PARTIES ATTEMPTING CAPITALIZE ON SITUATION WHICH THEY RELATE TO GOC POLICY ON INFLATION FEEDING LABOR UNREST.

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